



MAHATMA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S  
**PILLAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH(Autonomous)**  
CHEMBUR

NAAC Accredited 2023 'A' Grade - 4th Cycle CGPA: 3.13

*'Sustainable Goals...Sustainable Future'*



# HORIZON

## Principal's Message



**DR. RENI FRANCIS**

Wishing each one of you a happy teachers' day who play an invaluable role in shaping the future. In today's rapidly evolving world, marked by the rise of AI and ever-changing societal dynamics, the responsibilities of educators have expanded. More than just imparting knowledge, teachers today are mentors, guides, and role models, helping students navigate not only their academic journeys but also the complexities of the world around them.

The emergence of AI brings exciting opportunities but also new challenges. While technology enhances learning, it cannot replace the warmth, empathy, and insight of a dedicated teacher. Teachers help students develop critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence—skills that no machine can replicate.

In the classroom, teachers create safe spaces for students to explore diverse ideas and values, fostering resilience and inclusivity. With so much happening in society, they also address the emotional and mental well-being of students, equipping them to cope with challenges like peer pressure, social media, and the demands of a fast-paced world.

To all our teachers, thank you for your unwavering commitment, your adaptability, and the care you show each student. You are the heart of our school community, shaping not only minds but futures.

Wishing you more power and strength to continue this journey in changing the world.

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## Editorial



**Ms. Diandra Pinto**  
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Annually we observe the International Day of Peace on the 21st of September. Forty years ago the UN passed the resolution establishing the International Day of Peace to inspire people to bring peace into their lives and those of others. The theme for this year is cultivating a culture of peace.

International Peace Day is observed for humanity to commit to peace surpassing all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. This is only possible when people can first make peace within themselves. When we are not truly at peace with ourselves this is reflected in our interactions with those around us. Having the ability to accept all aspects of oneself fully is the ultimate act of self love which in turn maintains a level of internal peace. This internal peace then radiates in our associations with others.

Cultivating a culture of peace requires people who have the ability to look beyond differences. Differences are threatening to those who are not able to see them as a tool for expansion and interdependence. Human beings are wired to seek out the familiar and this contributes to fear of the 'other'. Only when we can see beyond the superficial differences can we attempt to understand the oneness that humanity is composed of. This oneness is the fundamental nature of all beings that surpasses all kinds of differences, political, racial, geographic. This is only accessible to us when we are able to accept ourselves fully, as this same acceptance is what we can extend to others which enables tolerance and the ability to truly cultivate a culture of peace.

# Faculty Achievements



- Dr. Reni Francis conducted a session on Academic Leadership as part of UGC-MMTTC, Mizoram University.
- Dr. Reni Francis visited South Africa Johannesburg, as a delegate of IWFCI- India Chapter.



## 1st - 7th September, Nutrition Week



S.Y. B.Ed students conducted a range of activities in their practice teaching schools during Nutrition Week, held from September 1 to 7, 2024. They organized orientations on the importance of nutrition, engaging students with informative sessions. Poster-making competitions and the creation of food pyramids provided a hands-on approach to understanding balanced diets. Various games were also introduced to make learning about nutrition fun and interactive. These activities successfully raised awareness about healthy eating habits among the school students.



# World Coconut Day



S.Y. B.Ed students celebrated Coconut Day on 2nd September in their practice teaching schools, highlighting the cultural and nutritional significance of coconuts. The activities included creative artwork sessions where students made crafts from coconut shells and showcased their talents through shell painting. These hands-on activities aimed to deepen the students' appreciation for coconuts as a versatile resource. The day was both educational and enjoyable, encouraging students to explore the many uses and benefits of coconuts.

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F.Y.B.Ed students celebrated  
World  
Coconut Day  
at their practice teaching schools

Why It Matters:  
World Coconut Day emphasizes the nutritional benefits and versatile uses of coconuts while raising awareness about their economic importance for farmers and communities worldwide.



## All MES Teachers' Day Celebration at Rasayani

Mahatma Education Society conducted its annual Teachers Day and Onam celebration at HOC Rasayani campus on Friday, 6th September 2024. Teachers from all MES institutions attended the event. MES had the book launch of Dr. Frank D'souza in a compilation of his works edited by Dr. Daphne Pillai and Mrs. Mabel Pillai. All institutions put up enjoyable performances. It was a fun-filled day of fellowship for all teachers across MES.





# Special Assembly - Teachers' Day, Ganesh Chaturthi and International Literacy Day



On 5th September, the teachers and students of PCER, Chembur celebrated Teachers Day, Ganesh Chaturthi and International Literacy Day. The students conducted a lively special assembly highlighting the importance of all the days of celebration. There were speeches, dance performances, and enjoyable games. The teachers and students had a memorable day.



# Special Assembly - Onam Celebration, Hindi Diwas, Eid, World Ozone Day



On September 14, 2024, a grand celebration was held for Onam, Hindi Diwas, World Ozone Day, and Eid. For Hindi Diwas, students recreated the great poet Mahadevi Varma, paying homage to her contributions to Hindi literature and discussing the importance of the Hindi language. The World Ozone Day assembly featured a skit that highlighted the need for environmental protection and the preservation of the ozone layer. During the Eid celebration, a heartfelt Naat was performed, adding a spiritual touch to the event. Onam festivities brought vibrancy with a traditional dance performance and a lively depiction of King Mahabali. The event was a rich blend of cultural and educational experiences, ending with the message of unity, environmental consciousness, and cultural pride.



# Hindi Diwas Slogan Competition

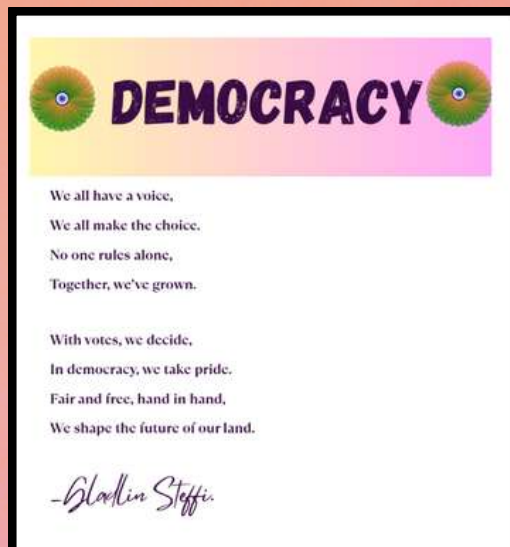
On 14th September 2024, PCER, Chembur, celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm. A Hindi Slogan Competition was organized for S.Y.B.Ed. students, with the theme "Protection of the Environment." All students participated actively, showcasing their creativity and dedication to environmental conservation through impactful Hindi slogans. The competition was a success, and three winners were announced, recognizing their outstanding contributions. The event highlighted the importance of language in promoting social and environmental awareness.



## International Day of Democracy



15th September, 2024 marks the International Day of Democracy. Pillai College of Education and Research(Autonomous), Chembur observed the same in collaboration with Red Dot Foundation through Art for Democracy - Express your thoughts on Democracy through Art. Students shared their art work in various forms like poems, stories, audio narratives, pictures, paintings, doodling art and blog posts on the theme: What does democracy mean to you? Participants submitted their original work in English and Hindi. The best entries were submitted to the Red Dot Foundation's Art for Democracy inter collegiate competition.





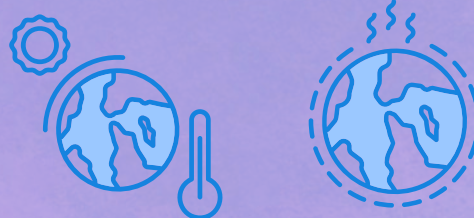
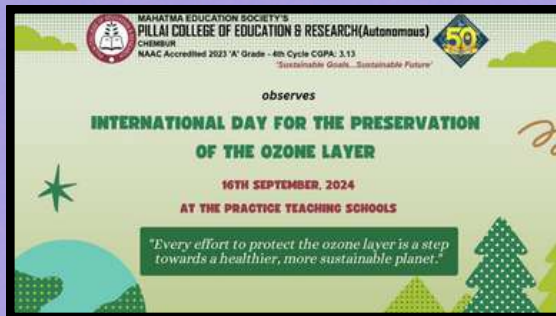
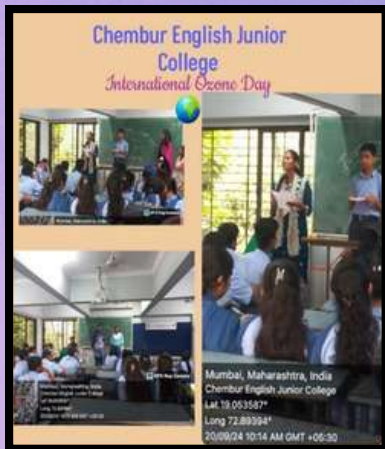
# Session on Mobile Addiction

On 28th September 2024, PCER, Chembur, organized a session on mobile addiction for first and second-year B.Ed. students, led by Rotarian Mr. Murli Sundrani, Rotary Club, a Life & Happiness Coach from Thane. The session explored the psychological, social, and technological factors contributing to mobile addiction, emphasizing its negative effects on relationships, academics, and mental and physical health. Mr. Sundrani highlighted the role of educators as role models in managing mobile usage and encouraged students to consider life without mobile phones, focusing on real-world connections. He also discussed the risks related to artificial intelligence and data security. Practical strategies for managing mobile addiction were shared, helping participants develop healthier tech habits and raising awareness about the importance of balanced technology use.



# International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer in Internship Schools

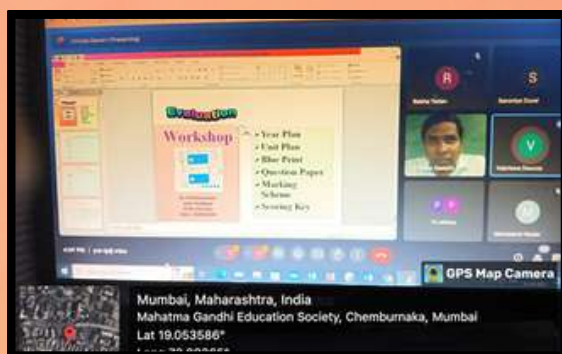
International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is celebrated every year on September 16th. To commemorate this day students of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur organized various engaging activities in their practice teaching schools during the Semester 3 internship from 16th September to 20th September, 2024. Keeping in mind the aim of celebrating World Ozone Day, S. Y. B.Ed students conducted activities like Essay writing competition, Slogan writing competition, Quiz on Ozone Layer Protection, Group Discussion on Ozone Depletion and Global Action, etc across different grades in their practice teaching schools. These activities, aligned with SDG 13 - Climate Action, helped build a sense of responsibility in students to take action for a sustainable future.





# Evaluation Workshop

The faculty of MES's Pillai College of Education and Research, Chembur, organized an evaluation workshop for S. Y. B.Ed students from 19th September to 24th September, 2024. Ms. Achala Bhor explained how to create a comprehensive year plan, while Ms. Surekha Chidambarnath emphasized aligning unit plans with objectives. Ms. Diandra Pinto conducted a session on BluePrint, focusing on cognitive levels and learning outcomes. Dr. Vithoba Sawant covered the question paper preparation and marking scheme, showing how to allocate marks based on difficulty and weightage. The sessions of this evaluation workshop provided students a thorough understanding of how to plan for the academic year, develop unit plans, assign appropriate weightage, create a blueprint, and set question papers, equipping them with the necessary tools to become more organized and effective teachers.



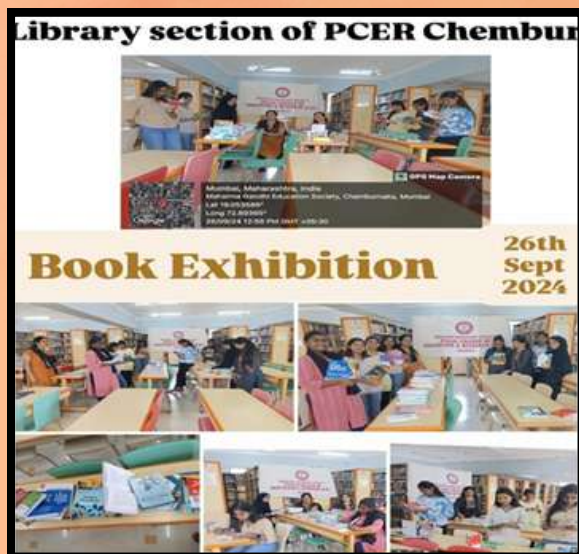
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1. Learning Objectives and related information by unit			2					2	4
2. Learning Objectives and related information by class			2	2				2	6
3. Topic and sub-topics	1	2	4		2				9
4. Outcomes: The concept and weightage of the	1		2		3				6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>25</b>

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## Book Exhibition

On 26th September, 2024, the library session of PCER, Chembur, organized an enriching Book Exhibition in the campus library. The event showcased a diverse range of books, including academic resources, fiction, non-fiction, and biographies, aimed at fostering a love for reading among student-teachers. Under the guidance of librarians Ms. Parveen madam and Ms. Jayashree madam, students explored the collection and gained insights into selecting relevant materials for enhancing teaching practices. The exhibition emphasized the importance of libraries as educational resources and encouraged future educators to promote reading in their classrooms.





# World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day was observed by PCER Chembur on 27th September 2024 with a variety of interesting activities. The student teachers conducted several activities in their internship schools to spread awareness among the students regarding different countries of the world. The activities also highlighted the theme of World Tourism Day this year- Sustainable Tourism. The programme aimed to broaden student's horizons by sharing insights into the culture, history, and landmarks of various countries around the world with the use of models, charts, souvenirs and quizzes.



## KHAS Series a. K - Solid Waste Management Session



On 21st September 2024, Stree Mukti Sanghatana (SMS), a renowned non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to empowering women and promoting environmental sustainability, conducted an insightful session on waste management for the B.Ed students of MES Pillai College, Chembur. This session aimed to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable waste management practices and educate future educators on incorporating these practices into their teaching and daily lives. The guest speaker for this session was Ms. Sindhu Iyer, a business analyst who has done her M.Sc. and has been a part of Stree Mukti Sanghatana for several years. She spoke about waste management and how to dispose of waste in an eco-friendly way.





## b. International Day of Peace



International Day of Peace, observed on 21st September was celebrated by PCER, Chembur through a poster competition with the same theme. Students prepared artistic posters depicting the international day of peace using their preferred medium for art and presented them in a gallery walk held on Saturday, 28th September, 2024.



## c. A/Alumni Expert Session - Career Prospects after B.Ed by Bhakti Gala

On 26th September 2024 PCER alumna Ms. Bhakti Gala of B.Ed 2017-19 batch conducted a session through the online mode as part of Alumni Enrichment session for the second year B.Ed students. Ms. Bhakti is Faculty, Teacher Trainer at SIES Institute of Comprehensive Education. The topic of the session was Career Prospects After B.Ed. The session provided student teachers with a wide array of career opportunities available for them after they complete their B.Ed degree programme. Some of the career options the resource person covered other than the traditional choices included Curriculum Developer, Counsellor, content creator, Instructional Designer etc.

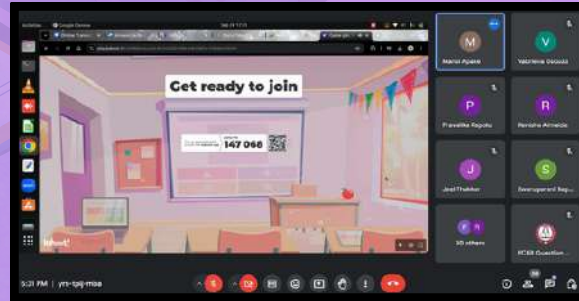




# d. S - Digital Teaching Hackathon



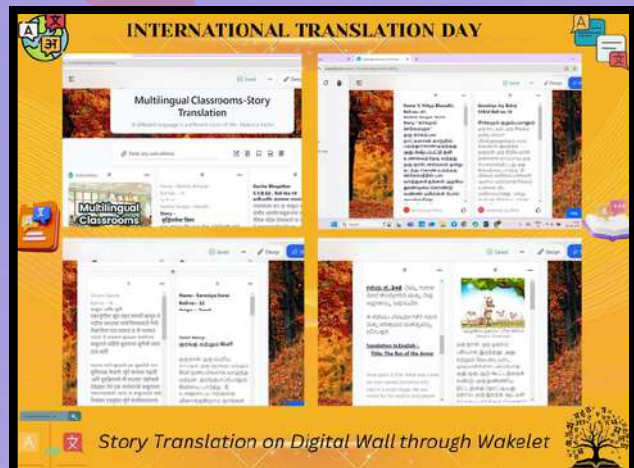
PCER organized a method wise digital teaching hackathon on Tuesday, 24th September, 2024. Students prepared and presented a digital lesson online in their respective method groups English, History, Maths, Science, Economics and Commerce. They used various tools like Nearpod, Kahoot, Quizzes, StoryBoard etc. The Hackathon was judged by Dr. Naseer, Principal at MI Training College, Ponnani, Malappuram, Kerala and has a long association with PCER, Chembur for our various online and digital initiatives. He gave constructive feedback to the students and highlighted the best features of various lessons.



## International Translation Day

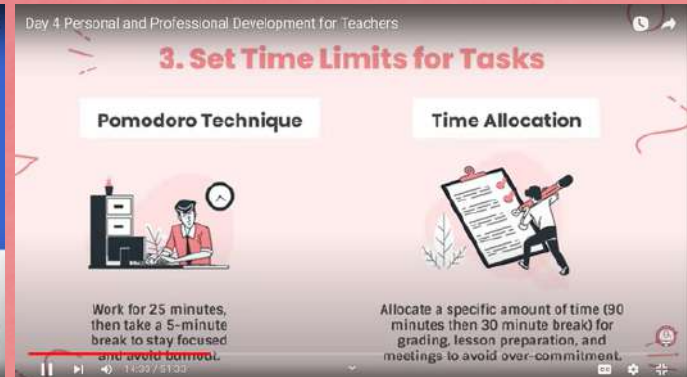


International Translation Day was observed by PCER on 30th September 2024 to raise awareness about the importance of languages and the need for translation. The students enthusiastically participated in a digital activity through Wakelet. The activity consisted of translating stories or folk tales from their mother tongue to English and posting it on the digital wall of Wakelet. They were also encouraged to read the stories uploaded by their peers. The students posted stories from a wide variety of mother tongues such as Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Urdu, Gujarati depicting the rich diversity of Indian linguistic communities.



# Value Added Course- Personal and Professional Development for Teachers

For the month of September, students completed a Value Added Course on Personal and Professional Development for Teachers. The Course had 14 units covered over 7 days. Each day had an instructional video for 2 units followed by a google form assessment. Students also had to opt for 3 essays from the topics given which covered the essence of the Value Added Course. Students completed it at their own pace over the course of the month.



## Batch 2024-2026 Orientation

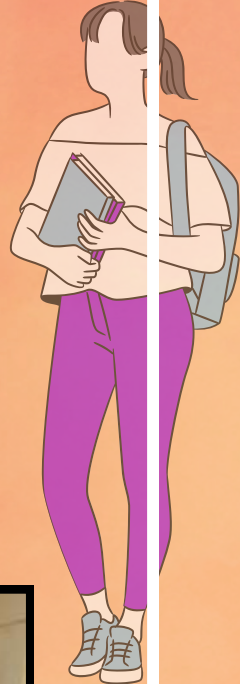


The orientation session was conducted on 30th September, 2024 by Dr. Reni Francis, Principal, PCER Chembur. The session was planned to introduce the new batch 2024-2026 of first year B.Ed students in understanding the B.Ed curriculum. During this session an overview of the B.Ed curriculum for Semester 1 was provided. Dr. Reni Francis discussed the various subjects and papers the students would study in Semester 1. A detailed explanation of the assessment structure including internal assessment, assignments and external exams was provided. Apart from the academic curriculum, the orientation also highlighted various co-curricular and extracurricular activities that students can participate in throughout the B.Ed program. The orientation program concluded with a Question and Answer session, where students had the opportunity to clarify any doubts regarding the syllabus, and extracurricular activities. In conclusion, the orientation successfully provided the Semester 1 B.Ed students with a comprehensive understanding of the syllabus and various curricular activities.



# WELCOME Freshers Day

Freshers Day for the incoming batch 2024-2026 was held on Saturday, 28th September, 2024. Dr. K. M. Vasudevan and Mr. G.T Ochani along with the various heads of institutions and departments were present at the event. Dr. Pillai and Mr. G.T Ochani addressed the students sharing their insights and encouragement as the first year students begin their journey at PCER. The S.Y. B.Ed students put up an enjoyable freshers day event giving a warm welcome to the incoming batch. Some students shared their experience of the course so far to encourage and illustrate for the new students what they can expect in their time here in PCER, Chembur.



# Alumni Corner



**Ms. Ruma Saha**  
**Batch 2022-2024**  
**Teacher**

**NES International School Mumbai**



# Students Corner



**Ms. Jinal Patel**  
**Roll no. - 28**  
**Batch 2023-2025**

## A SELFLESS MOTHER

EYES WELLED UP AT THE THOUGHT  
OF LOSING HER;  
THAT IS THE FEAR I'VE HAD FOR  
YEARS.  
THE ONE WHO SACRIFICES ALL FOR  
OUR SAKE,  
RARELY CLAIMS A MOMENT FOR  
HERSELF.  
THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS MAKE HER  
HAPPY,  
THE ONE WHO MAKES US HAPPY.

*Jinal Patel*

